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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Covacci, et al.

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DATE OF DEPOSIT: March 17, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

This is in response to the Official Action dated October 15, 2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants request a two-month extension of time for response, noting that March 15, 2003 fell on a Saturday. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

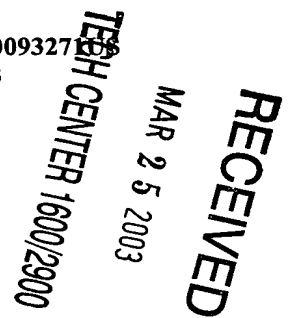
**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, following the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" to read as follows:

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01 FC:1252 410.00 OP  
02 FC:1201 168.00 OP



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